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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Larson et al. Confirmation No.: 9700
Serial No.: 10/734,546 Art Unit: 3732
Filed: December 12, 2003 Examiner: To be assigned
For: GUIDED RETRCTOR AND Attorney Docket No: 708716-999942
METHOD OF USE

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents
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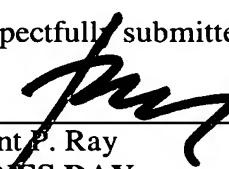
Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action
dated 3/23/04 be extended for a period of 4 month(s) from 5/23/04 to and including 9/23/04.

The fee for this extension is estimated to be \$1,480. Please charge the required
fee to Jones Day Deposit Account No. 50-3013. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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